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SUBJECT: ORIT SUCCESSION

1. CTP SEC. GEN. TOLD LABATT HE BELIEVES NEW ORIT SEC.-GEN. WILL BE VENEZUELAN, COLOMBIAN OR PERUVIAN, THOUGH HE THINKS DIVIDED STATE OF COLOMBIAN LABOR MOVEMENT MITIGATES AGAINST NEW SEC.-GEN. FROM COLOMBIA. IN RESPONSE TO LABATT'S OBVIOUS REJOINDER THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE PERUVIAN WOULD BE CRUZADO HIMSELF, HE BECAME SOMEWHAT COY AND REFUSED TO BE DRAWN INTO CONVERSATION AS TO WHO MIGHT REPLACE HIM IN CTP IF HE MOVED TO MEXICO CITY.

2. CRUZADO'S COLLEAGUES (AND LABATT) DOUBT THAT HE CURRENTLY SERIOUSLY ANTICIPATES SUCCEEDING JAUREQUI. CRUZADO WAS PROBABLY DROPPING THE HINT THAT HE WAS INTERESTED AND AVAILABLE IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE IDEA WOULD BE PASSED ON TO AFL/CIO. HE MAY HAVE ALSO COMMUNICATED THIS INTEREST TO AFL/CIO AND OTHER ORIT MEMBERS BY OTHER CHANNELS.

3. LABATT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CRUZADO WOULD BE ANY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO AFL/CIO THAN IS JAUREQUI, AND ASSUMES THAT HIS CHANCES FOR ORIT JOB ARE SLIM. IN
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EVENT THAT HE SHOULD GET NOD, CTP WOULD LOSE RECOGNIZED

LEADER, AND COULD FACE RENEWED BATTLE BETWEEN APRA PARTY-LINERS AND MORE INDEPENDENT APRISTAS OVER SUCCESSION. HOWEVER, SHAKE-UP, WHILE DISRUPTIVE, COULD INVIGORATE CTP. MOST LIKELY IMMEDIATE SUCCESSOR WOULD SEEM TO BE YOUNG FIRST DEPUTY SEC.-GEN. CARLOS TUDELA, WHO COULD BE SUPPORTED BY BOTH SIDES WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT HIS LACK OF PERSONAL TRADE UNION POWER BASE WOULD MAKE HIM EASIER TO MANIPULATE THAN CRUZADO. TUDELA, WHO HAS UNIVERSITY DEGREE, PROJECTS VIGOROUS, COMPETENT IMAGE, AND COULD BE CHARISMATIC FIGURE CTP NEEDS.

4. SPECULATING FURTHER, COULD JAUREQUI'S PLANS INCLUDE RETURNING TO PERU TO TAKE REINS OF CTP? APRA LEADER HAYA DE LA TORRE ON EVENING NOVEMBER 24 (WITH APPARENT KNOWLEDGE COMMENT WOULD BE PASSED TO LABATT) TOLD COLLEAGUE THAT HE WAS DISTURBED BY WAY AFL/CIO HAD TREATED JAUREQUI, FELT THAT LATTER COULD PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN PERU, AND CRITICIZED CRUZADO'S LEADERSHIP OF CTP AS NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY RESPONSIVE TO APRA'S NEEDS.
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